

Docket No. A2012-112

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that the Commission received three petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Elwell post office in Elwell, Michigan. The first petition for review received January 3, 2012, was filed by Marjorie Brecht. The second petition for review received January 6, 2012, was filed by John Hutchins. The third petition for review received January 11, 2012, was filed by Patricia Walsh Mallory. The earliest postmark date is December 24, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review).



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: January 19, 2012

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Docket #136250948830

All ^{outside} of us older people and the ones who
live of Howell Michigan want the Post Office to
stay open because if we have to go to the next
town to get a post office Box No, would be a hardship
on us because gas prices are so high and
other reasons. I have a mail box on the
corner of Clinton St. and had a check picked
up and cashed, so I got a post office Box No.
Only my check and my insurances and extra
things go in there. Also I pay all my bills
at the post office. Only my bills are coming
to my ~~post~~ mail box now. We hope you
can keep Howell, Michigan Post Office open.

Thank you,
Marjorie Brecht
6879 Clinton St.
Howell, Mich.

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John Hutchins
P O Box 221
Elwell MI 48832

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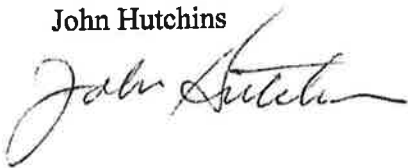
Dear Sirs:

I am writing to appeal the decision of the Postal Service to close the Elwell MI Post Office Docket # 1362509-48832. Not only will this decision pose a great inconvenience for me personal but I feel that it is not in the best interest of the Postal Service long term to be closing many of these long standing rural offices. The Elwell office has existed to serve the community since the 1880's. It may be true that the office has not paid its own way in terms over the counter revenue but there are other factors that justify it's existence. The Good Will provided to the postal service alone justifies the existence. I believe that you shoot your self in the foot by closing many of these rural offices and will loose a wide network of collection points that the competition, mainly UPS and FedEx, will warmly welcome with open arms.

Kindly advise if there is any further official paper work required to lodge this appeal.

Sincerely.

John Hutchins



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Ruth Y. Goldway
Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Goldway:

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Postal Service has posted the Final Determination to close the Elwell, Michigan post office and consolidate mail with the Riverdale, Michigan post office.

The attached list containing signatures of customers served by the Elwell, Michigan facility do not feel that the alternate service offered by the Postal Service is acceptable as it does not provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service that customers are entitled to in accordance with federal law.

We do not believe closing our post office and providing delivery and retail service by a carrier meets the requirements of the above mentioned rule. It is very inconvenient for customers to purchase money orders/stamps and sending/receiving accountable mail such as registered and certified mail. We are also concerned with vandalism, theft of our mail, and identity theft.

Many of our residents are elderly and do not drive or have internet or electronic banking access. The elderly will be hit hardest by this decision because our postmaster assists them in meeting their obligations.

Our post office represents the federal government to our residents and it is hard for us to understand the reasoning. We understand the post office is having financial issues but isn't it against the law to close a post office just to save money? Wouldn't it make more sense to close on Saturdays or Saturdays and Wednesdays to save money. Doesn't it make more sense to try a new plan and cut cost before eliminating jobs all together? How can our federal government spend billions on creating jobs while at the same time another branch eliminates vital jobs in small towns?

Both my mother and mother-in-law retired from the USPS and were proud to serve their community. In our community we also have three retired Postmasters and a few retired carriers. Rural America is just as important as urban America. A post office in urban America may be a luxury or a convenience but in rural America a post office is a necessity and we are proud to see our flag flying over our post office everyday!

Sincerely,



Patricia Walsh Mallory

POOM
DOUG LOVETT
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
4800 COLLIN ROAD
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48924

We, the citizens and customers of Elwell, Michigan, 48832, United States Post Office, hereby protest any change in the present status of our post office.

It is our desire to retain our post office at a minimum, at its' present status a United States Post Office, Level 13; operated by a postmaster and career postal employees with a box section and rural routes.

The building that currently houses the Elwell Post Office is of adequate size and has had recent updates both by the leaseholder and by the United States Postal Service. The building is easily accessible by both automobiles and postal vehicles. The facility is very accommodating to the handicapped or physically challenged as well.

Sincerely,
Customers of the Elwell, Michigan, 48832, United States Post Office

DATE	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	MAILING ADDRESS
9-23-11	Elizabeth J. Pyle	Elizabeth J. Pyle	
9-23-11	Ken Kovach	Ken Kovach	
9-25-11	Jarrett Garcia	Jarrett Garcia	
9-26-11	Denise Welch	Denise Welch	
9-26-11	Mark H. Kenine	Mark H. Kenine	
9-26-11	William Leifer	William Leifer	
9-26-11	Dennis Lott	DENNIS LOTT	
9-26-11	Jessica Lemert	Jessica Lemert	
9-26-11	Chesney Anderson	Chesney Anderson	
9-26-11	Cheryl Reed	Cheryl Reed	
9-28-11	John W. Bunce	JOHN W. BUNCE	
9-28-11	Nicole Detzler	Nicole Detzler	
9-29-11	Spencer Drake	Spencer Drake	
9-29-11	Scott Amle	Scott Amle	
9-29-11	Lori Apple	Lori Apple	
9-29-11	Patricia Mallory	Patricia Mallory	
9-30-11	Jan Donnan	Jan Donnan	
9-30-11	Terica Penner	Terica Penner	
9-30-11	Rich Rademacher	Rich Rademacher	

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DATE	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	MAILING ADDRESS
10-14-2011	Carole J. Moore	Carole J Moore	
10-14-2011	James R. Moore	JAMES R. MOORE	
10-14-2011	Dewise L. Wise	DEWISE L. WISE	
10-14-2011	Hope Ostrander	HOPE OSTRANDER	
10-14-2011	LD Lise	LD LISE	
10-14-2011	Mary Ann Hale	MARY ANN HALE	
10-14-2011	Irving S. Hale	IRVING HALE	
10-15-2011	Janet Flegel	Janet Flegel	
10-22-2011	Jane Lemasters	Jane Lemasters	
10-29-2011	Peggy Barr	PEGGY BARR	
10/29/11	Kathy Barr	Kathy Barr	
10/29/11	Nicole Detzler	NICOLE DETZLER	
10/29/11	Kim Whitney	KIM WHITNEY	
10-29-11	Francesca Kouch	FRANCESCA KOUCH	
10/29/11	Stacy Foster	STACY FOSTER	
10-29-11	John H. Foster III	John H. Foster III	
10-30-11	Travis Mallory	Travis Mallory	
10-30-11	Rick Mallory	Rick Mallory	
10-30-11	Rachel Mallory	Rachel Mallory	